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SCOTLAND OFFICE SECRETARY

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- [1](#). (C/NF) Summary. "Economics is changing the politics in Scotland," new Secretary for the Scotland Office Jim Murphy told Polmincouns Decem Scotland Better As Part of a United Kingdom -----
- [1](#)2. (C/NF) Secretary for the Scotland Office Jim Murphy, appointed in the October Cabinet reshuffle (reftel), explained to PolMinCouns on Decen Calman Says Devolution Working -----
- [1](#)3. (C/NF) In a separate December 17 conversation, Scotland Office Head of Office David Middleton said the Calman Commission's December 2008 I The Crunch in Scotland -----
- [1](#)4. (C/NF) On the impact of the economic recession, Middleton said Scotland was likely doing better than the rest of the UK because it still ha
- [1](#)5. (C/NF) Middleton said many Scots are "embarrassed" over the struggle of banks with a "Scottish identity," like Royal Bank of Scotland and F 2010 Referendum Unlikely -----
- [1](#)6. (C/NF) The slated 2010 referendum on Scottish independence, one of the SNP's main planks, is unlikely to happen, Middleton predicted. If i
- [1](#)7. (C/NF) Our Scottish contacts report that Murphy's appointment was a good one, and Scotland likes having a "full-time Westminster Secretary, TUTTLE